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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF PAUL GLASER, US STEEL

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1. PAUL GLASER OF US STEEL HAS CONTACTED DEPARTMENT AND PLANS TO GO TO JORDAN ON MAY 20 FOLLOWING VISIT TO EUROPE. GLASER WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A TECHNICAL EXPERT AND IS INTERESTED PRIMARILY IN PHOSPHATES; HE INQUIRED AGAIN ABOUT AVAILABILITY OF FEASIBILITY STUDY ON PHOSPHATE PLANT MENTIONED REFTEL.

2. IF GLASER FEELS THERE IS OPPORTUNITY FOR USS PARTICIPATION IN JORDAN PHOSPHATE INDUSTRY HE WILL RECOMMEND DISPATCH OF A FULL SCALE (10-15 MAN) SURVEY TEAM TO AMMAN.

3. WHILE IN JORDAN GLASER HOPES TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS IN NRA, MINISTRY OF ECONOMY, AND PHOSPHATE INDUSTRY. HE MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN TAKING A LOOK AT JORDAN COPPER AND OTHER MINERAL POTENTIAL. HOPE
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EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE ALL APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE.

4. WE TOLD GLASER ONE PROBLEM WITH HIS PROPOSED ITINERARY IS THAT CP HASSAN AND OTHER ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICIALS WILL BE IN US MAY 20-21. GLASER SAID HE WOULD

VERY MUCH LIKE TO MEET WITH CP IF ONLY BRIEFLY AND SUGGESTED HE WOULD BE WILLING TO COMPLETE HIS WORK IN JORDAN AND RETURN TO BEIRUT WHERE HE WOULD AWAIT CP'S RETURN TO AMMAN. GIVEN CP'S PROPOSED ITINERARY IN US, I.E. MAY 25 RETURN TO JORDAN, ASSUME THIS SHOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM. GLASER WILL CONTACT AMBASSADOR PICKERING UPON ARRIVAL. HE WILL BE IN TOUCH AGAIN WITH DEPARTMENT BEFORE HE DEPARTS. KISSINGER

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